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SUNBEAM 1936 LION 500CC 1 CYL SV



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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Sunbeam 1936 Lion 500cc 1 cyl sv Frame # 19.539.0.163 Engine # 19.538.0.159

The Wolverhampton based firm of John Marston earned fame for their superb bicycles in the early years of the last century.

In 1912 their first motorcycle was presented, a 350 cc side valve model (75x 79 bore and stroke) with a 2-speed gearbox.

Soon the capacity was increased to 500cc, and also models with proprietary V-twin engines were made.

Sunbeam motorcycles gained fame for their very high standards of workmanship, their speed and their reliability: races all over Europe were won in the early half of the twenties with machines equipped with the very fast and reliable “ Longstroke” side valve engine with bore/stroke of 77x 105.5 mm.

In June 1930 the Longstroke model was restyled, it got bought-in welded steel petrol and oil tanks.

It was designated “ Lion” because the Lion was one of the ICI trademarks.

From September 1930 all Sunbeams got the new Webb-type front forks with centre spring.

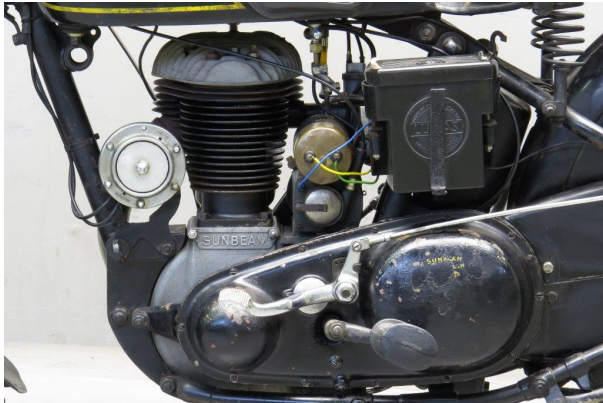
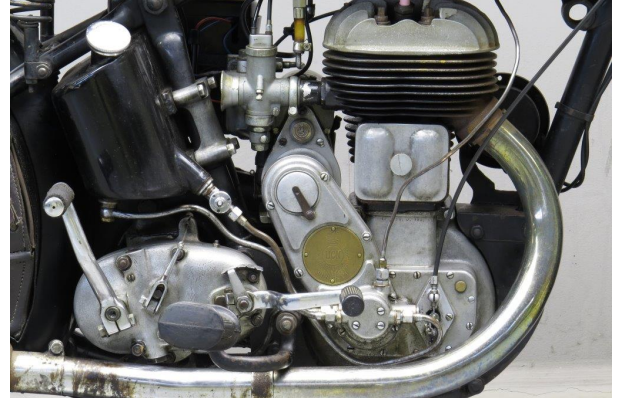
In the course of 1931 a 598 cc version of the Lion became available.

This reliable, high quality Sunbeam tourer is very suitable for vintage rallies.

It is equipped with Lucas electrics and is in a beautiful original, good running condition.



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